



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: David R. Milich *et al.*
Serial No.: 10/630,070 Group No.: 1648
Filed: 07/30/2003 Examiner: McGaw, M.M.
Entitled: **Rodent Hepatitis B Virus Core Proteins As Vaccine Platforms And
Methods Of Use Thereof**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Dear Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2004. A petition for a three-month extension of time is attached, thereby extending the deadline for response to June 17, 2005. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following:

amendments to the specification shown on page 2;
amendments to the claims reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3; and
remarks and arguments beginning on page 9.

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